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## DEATHS.

On the 2nd January, 1904, at the General  
Hospital, Shanghai, ELIZABETH, wife of H. J.  
Such.  
On the 3rd January, 1904, at the General Hos-  
pital, Shanghai, FRED. HORTON, aged 30 years.  
On the 3rd January, 1904, at Haiman Road,  
Shanghai, JOHN KROON, aged 62 years.

## The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 9th JANUARY, 1904

THE air has hourly become thicker with  
rumours and, in the absence of authentic  
news, with rumours more and more  
alarmining. Amid these there are certain  
tangible facts, one of which is that H.M.S.  
*Humber* is ready to leave for the North at  
once with 250 of the Sherwood Foresters on  
board. This was rumoured very late on  
Thursday night and confirmed yesterday  
morning. She did not, however, sail as  
expected. Beyond the fact that the *Humber*  
is northward bound, nothing certain can be  
elicited as to her destination. Among  
various suggestions hazarded there is one  
that she is bound only for Amoy. It is not,  
however, probable that there is a call there  
for British troops when marines would serve  
the purpose of coping with disturbances  
equally well. Next there is the possibility  
of Weihaiwei being the destination; but 250  
men would be an entirely inadequate num-  
ber for Weihaiwei were there a need to  
garrison the place. Newchwang being ice-  
bound, it is not likely that a demonstration  
there will be attempted, especially as this  
would be an extreme step unless something  
very serious had occurred, of which we have  
no intimation. The favourite theory is that  
the Sherwoods are bound for Peking. But  
why? The Legation garrison at Peking is  
ample, there are reinforcements within easy  
reach, and no particular danger is known to  
threaten the Chinese capital or the European  
residents in it. If we must venture a guess,  
it must be that the possibility of having to

protect the British Legation at Seoul is con-  
templated. If troubles break out immedi-  
ately or in the near future, Corea is the  
assured scene of the first outbreak, and  
there is no guarantee of the safety of foreign  
residents in that country amid the complica-  
tions which must occur. [Since writing this  
we see from a telegram in our Senior even-  
ing contemporary that one hundred U.S.  
marines have been landed at Seoul, where the  
Government is in a panic.] If we are right  
in our guess, the *Humber* will no doubt pro-  
ceed to Weihaiwei first, but not with the  
view that the Sherwood Foresters shall  
stop there in garrison for long. It must be  
confessed, however, that the secret of the  
past week's naval and military movements re-  
mains one locked up in the hands of the  
high naval and military authorities. All  
that outsiders can know is that great pre-  
parations have been going on in Hongkong,  
which are undoubtedly connected with the  
movements at home such as those announced  
in REUTER'S telegrams published in to-day's  
issue, by which it appears that the British  
Admiralty is acting with extraordinary  
vigour. Not only, moreover, is the Admi-  
rality busy, but the rest of England is  
decidedly stirred. What are we to make  
of the 120 British Reservists, with ten  
officers, leaving, amid enthusiasm and cheers,  
for Genoa to man the two newly-purchased  
Japanese cruisers, which are to sail for the  
Far East soon and require men to  
navigate them thither? This is an in-  
dication of feeling which we can hardly  
believe will pass unnoticed by Russia.  
The strength of the pro-Japanese feeling is  
plainly growing daily, and the advocacy of  
active assistance has been carried on for  
some time in more than one London journal.  
For ourselves we can only repeat what we  
have said before, that we think the best  
preservative of peace would be a strong  
show of determination on the part of Great  
Britain, and also, if possible, of the United  
States. With regard to the latter, a repre-  
sentation has already been made to the  
House of Representatives favouring the  
establishment of U.S. Consulates at Moukden  
and Antung, which China has promised the  
United States to throw open. Were Britain  
now to bring vigorous pressure to bear upon  
Corea to have the required ports opened to  
commerce, the effect could but be beneficial  
on the situation. The presence of a few  
British warships in Korean waters and the  
possibility of a Legation guard at Seoul  
would be all that is required. And herein  
it must be remarked, we are not counselling  
war; but we are convinced that war can  
most readily be averted by such means.  
We recognise that Britain has little or  
nothing to gain in Corea. Only Corea  
closed, and in Russian hands, means the  
extinction of all but Russian influence in  
North-east Asia. Britons have every reason  
to wish to see Japanese aspirations in Corea  
fulfilled, even did they extend so far as to  
include the absorption of Corea by Japan.  
But we do not believe that Japan desires  
the conquest of Corea. The Tokyo corres-  
pondent of the *Times*, in an article which  
appeared last month, summed up the posi-  
tion thus:—"Certainly the earnest wish of  
Japan is to maintain a strictly correct  
attitude in the sight of the world. She is  
determined that Corea shall not fall into  
foreign hands, but she would fain attain  
that end by recourse solely to the most  
"highly-civilised weapons of modern in-  
dustry—railways, telegraphs, commerce,  
and industry. She wants to keep cannon-  
balls out of the account." This appears  
to us a thoroughly sound estimate of  
the situation. But, as the *Times* correspon-  
dent adds, the danger is that events may  
prove too strong for Japan. And it is for  
this that Britain must be prepared.

The German mail of the 9th December was  
delivered in London on the 7th inst.

Prince Konoye, ex-President of the Japanese  
House of Peers, died on the morning of the 2nd  
inst., aged 41.

We have received a very useful Wall Calendar  
for 1904 from the Transatlantic Fire In-  
surance Company of Hamburg, of which the  
local agents are Messrs. Siemens and Company.

According to a New York paper, 16 motor-  
cars have been delivered to the Empress Dowager  
of China, who had ordered them from a Berlin  
firm.

Rear-Admiral Stirling, after he had called  
on H.E. Mr. May, C.M.G., on Thursday,  
called on H.E. Major General Villiers Hatton,  
C.B.

We are asked to draw attention to the fact  
that the date of the Old All-ynian dinner has  
been altered from Wednesday, 13th inst., to  
Monday, 11th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

The Hongkong Rifle Association are holding  
to-day a competition for Long Range and  
sponges, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ranges, 700  
and 800 yards. Ten shots and a sighter at each  
range.

H. W. Stevenson has challenged C. Dawson  
for the professional billiard championship, and  
the contest is likely to take place in March.

The Panama Canal treaty when handed over  
to the U. S. Consul-General, Mr. Gudgeon, was  
wrapped up in the United States and Panama  
flags.

Mr. S. S. Christy has won the amateur  
billiard championship with a score of 2,000 as  
against Mr. C. V. Diehl's 1,314. Mr. A. R.  
Wisdom, the holder of the championship, did  
not compete. Mr. Christy thus wins premier  
honours for the third time.

Some time ago Mr. John Davidson, in a  
letter to the *Saturday Review* wagged a guinea  
that Tennyson had used the words "screaming  
war." The editor of the *Review* too: the bet.  
In the following week's issue Mr. Davidson  
writes: "I regret that my memory played me  
false. I beg to enclose one guinea."

The *Journal de Debats* says about the rela-  
tions of France and England:—"We feel our-  
selves allied to England by many common ideas,  
sentiments, and interests. It has long been  
said among ourselves, and the saying has become  
commonplace from being true, that France and  
Great Britain march together at the head of  
civilisation. To-day it would be discourteous  
not to make room for others, but the recollec-  
tion of the past remains just the same."

The *N.C. Daily News* says that the Chinese  
fast cruisers *Hailien*, *Haichih* and two others  
belonging to the Peiyang squadron, anchored  
at Woonung, began to assume their warpaint—  
dusky grey colour—last Saturday, and also  
to take in extramural mail and food supplies.  
It appears that orders had been received from  
Viceroy Yuan Shikai, who controls the Peiyang  
squadron, to be ready for emergencies. Sailing  
orders were expected every moment from the  
north by Admiral Sah, commanding the  
squadron.

Admiral Kaminura, who was in command  
of the Japanese squadron that visited Australia  
a few months ago, having had an audience of  
the Emperor of Japan, communicated to the  
Lord Mayor of Melbourne the expression of his  
Majesty's appreciation of the kindness and  
hospitality extended to the officers of the  
squadron at all the ports they visited in  
Australia. In concluding his letter the Admiral  
remarks:—"I thoroughly believe that the deep  
friendship between the two countries will  
increase more and more, for which I cannot  
help expressing my sincere gratitude."

H.E. Sir Henry Blake, Governor of Ceylon,  
accompanied by Lady Blake, Miss Keane, and  
of Sir John Keane, Private Secretary to H.E.,  
who is on a visit to H.E. and Lady Blake, and  
suite paid their first visit to Kandy on the 21st  
ult. The town was en fête for the occasion, and  
a guard of honour supplied by the C.L.I. was at  
the station to meet the distinguished visitors.  
Addresses were presented by the municipality  
of Kandy to H.E. as well as by the planters  
and Kandyan chiefs, in reply to which H.E.  
dwelt upon the great beauty of the Ceylon  
scenery and climate.

Mr. Russell Colegrove, formerly traffic manager  
of the Philippines Transportation Company,  
and recently appointed Vice-Consul for the  
United States at Canton, is reported to have  
embarked in a gigantic financial deal in that  
city with great show of success, say the *Manila  
Columbian*. He is said to have organised the  
largest stock company in China for the pur-  
pose of loaning the Cantonese Government one mil-  
lion taels. Colegrove has a reputation here as a  
promoter. He came to the Islands shortly after  
the American occupation with plenty of experi-  
ence and little money. He turned his attention  
to the lightering facilities of Manila harbour and  
thought he saw a way greatly to improve them.  
With this idea fondly locked in his heart he  
returned to New York, and with the assistance  
of his father and other influential relatives and  
friends, was primarily instrumental in the  
organisation of the Philippines Transportation  
Company. He returned to these islands as  
traffic manager of this company, opened its  
present offices here, and subsequently resigned  
to accept an appointment in the consular service  
of the United States.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and  
officers, the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry  
will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to  
9.30 p.m. to-night. The programme is as fol-  
lows:—

March..... "Soldiers of the King"..... Hewitt  
Entr'acte..... "Mimi"..... Hamilton Clarke  
Selection..... "The Runaway Girl"..... Ivan Cyril  
Cortet Solo..... "My Dream"..... Paolo Testi  
Selection..... "The New Barmaid"..... Crook  
Waltz..... "Venetian Song"..... Buealossi  
Dances..... "Shavano"..... Buealossi  
Dances..... "God Save the King"..... Dvornik

MENU.  
Hors D'Oeuvres  
Macaroni Fish and Olive Croquettes.  
SOUP.  
Potage Creme D'orange a la Royal.  
PIE.  
Salmon a la Reine.  
ENTREE.  
Venison Steaks Portuguese style  
Braised Leg of Lamb a la Bretonne  
Sweetbread Croquettes and Asparagus.  
COURT.  
Malay.  
JOINTS.  
Roast Ribs of Beef and Horseradish  
Roast Pheasant and Bread Sauce  
Boiled Chicken and Bacon.  
COLD ENTREE.  
Rabbit Pie.  
SALAD.  
Italian.  
DESSERT.  
Pudding au Caramel  
Vanilla Ice Cream  
Apricot Tart  
Topsy Cake.  
DESSERT.  
Coffee.

The new Governor of Macao is Senhor  
Martinho Pinto de Queiroz Moutenegro,  
Ex-Governor of Portuguese Zambesia. Senhor  
Moutenegro is a captain in the Royal  
Portuguese Navy. We are unable to state  
when the newly-appointed Governor is expected  
to arrive in Macao to take up his post.

The Admiralty have ordered a new armed  
shallow draught steamer to be built for the  
Royal Navy at the works of Messrs. Yarrow  
and Co., Poplar. The new vessel is to be  
named the *Widgeon*, and will be larger than  
the *Teal* which was built two years ago and  
sent to the China station. The engines of the  
*Widgeon* are to be of 1,000-h.p., and the  
vessel will be mounted with quick-firing guns.

The *Kobe Chronicle* writes:—"It would seem  
the spy mania has not died out yet, for the  
Matsuyama correspondent of the *Asahi* has  
gone to the trouble of sending a telegram to  
that journal to the effect that the awful  
intelligence has reached the Matsuyama  
authorities that two Frenchmen had arrived at  
Iwahara from Onomichi, and "were wandering  
about the neighbourhood in the guise of specta-  
tors." It is added, no doubt as an item of im-  
portance, that "They may be Russian spies." Possibly.  
There is a further explanation that they  
are simply tourists, who also have a way  
of "wandering about."

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

## NOTED BRIGAND CAPTURED.

Canton, 7th January.  
A sensational capture was effected last week  
at Shui-bin, not far from Fatsien. For some  
time Ao Chan, a robber chief, has been  
terrorising the neighbourhood. This man was  
head over 3,000 robbers, and his power was  
almost unlimited in the district until the  
arrival of the present Viceroy. He levied toll  
on all boats passing up and down the river,  
and raised blackmail (of the old-fashioned  
Scots type) on the villagers, thus combining  
the occupations of pirate and brigand. All  
boats refusing to pay toll were pillaged, and  
the crews not infrequently murdered, while  
robberies were committed with impunity on  
land.

At last the state of affairs became so bad  
that large rewards were offered for his person.  
These were lately increased, until they reached  
the enormous total of \$20,000 for his head, and  
\$25,000 if he were taken alive. About ten  
days ago a regiment was sent out to capture  
him, his hiding-places having been betrayed  
by an informer. A fierce fight, lasting  
fifteen hours, ensued, and finally, after several  
men had been killed, Ao was captured with  
seventeen companions. The fortunate official in com-  
mand of the troops, a Colonel Li, will take half  
of the prize-money, the remainder being  
shared by the soldiers. On Tuesday morning  
Ao Chan and four of the others were beheaded;  
the remaining thirteen are still under examina-  
tion. This affair is the talk of the town at pre-  
sent, and many travellers and merchants are  
breathing more easily at their deliverance from  
a bloodthirsty and powerful brigand. It seems  
strange that these events should go on so close  
to Canton. A glance at the map will show that  
the Shui-bin district is quite close to the pro-  
vincial city. Apparently there is hardly a  
district in the whole province which can boast  
of freedom from these pests.

## CRICKET.

## LEAGUE MATCHES.

The following will represent the Civil Ser-  
vice C.C. in their League match with the Army  
Ordnance Corps C.C. on the Hongkong Cricket  
Club Ground, commencing at 1.45 p.m. sharp:—  
Hon. Dr. Atkinson (Capt.), G. A. Woodcock,  
R. Penzance, A. G. M. Fletcher, H. F. Jack-  
man, P. T. Lamb, F. T. Robins, J. Lander, and  
L. E. Brett.

The following will play for the A.O.C.—  
Capt. P. G. Davies (Capt.), T. Webb, J.  
Robinson, A. E. Hatwell, H. E. Skinner, H.  
Turner, C. Rutter, T. S. Bromley, E. Bradford,  
W. T. Burgess, and J. C. A. Lillywhite.  
Reserves, H. Gidley and W. Pitt.  
Umpires, Messrs W. H. Woolley and S. Rogers.

The return match in the League between the  
Craigengower C.C. and H.M.S. *Tamar* will be  
played to-day on the ground of the former  
club, which will be represented by:—

A. O. Brown, L. E. Lemmert, R. Bana, M.  
E. Asger, E. R. Horton, J. Craig, E. Ford, R.  
Pestonji, L. A. Rosa, J. P. Jordan, and J.  
Gloyn.

## FOOTBALL.

This afternoon, on the Happy Valley, the  
Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S.  
*Atcham*. Kick-off at four o'clock. The follow-  
ing will play for the Club:—

F. H. Kaw, goal; H. C. Austen and V. F.  
Ancott, backs; W. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar,  
and J. D. Danby, halves; W. H. Williams,  
H. A. Brent, R. Hancock, C. R. Cooper, and  
J. Richardson, forwards.

This afternoon, on the Military Ground,  
Happy Valley, the Rovers Football Club will  
play the Royal Engineers. Kick-off at 4 p.m.,  
sharp. The following will represent the  
Rovers:—

O. R. Chunyat, goal; J. Christie and A. I.  
Ellis, backs; H. S. Spurge, C. Hastings and  
E. Abraham, halves; H. Goldenberg, T. White,  
W. Goldenberg, F. P. Long, and C. Blumen-  
berg, forwards.

## TELEGRAMS.

## "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

## THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

LONDON, 8th January, 10.55 a.m.

## A FRENCH CRUISER COMING OUT.

The French armoured cruiser *Sully*  
(10,014 tons) is being hurried out to the Far  
East.

## RIOT AT AMOY.

Amoy, 8th January, 9.30 p.m.

## PEACE RESTORED.

A riot occurred at the Amoy race meeting  
endangering European spectators, who were  
stoned. The races were stopped. A quar-  
rel between a Sikh policeman and a Chinese  
woman is supposed to have incited the mob.  
Investigations were continued. The 250 Sher-  
wood Foresters were paraded in marching order  
with kits packed and ammunition bags filled.  
During the day the *Humber* kept steam up and  
was all ready for sea. The *Lavathan* by the way,  
was employed coaling yesterday; and warships  
generally appeared ready for sea. In the  
evening, after the draft of Sherwood Foresters  
had been waiting for orders all day, they were  
told they were not required to embark;  
so, it seems, there has been a lull.  
150 recruits from home for the Sherwood  
Foresters are expected by a hired transport,  
the British India s.s. *Delicra*, on the 14th of  
this month.

## LAWLESSNESS IN MALAYA.

SINGAPORE, January 8th, 11.30 a.m.

## ROBBERY AND STRIFE.

Much lawlessness and a prevalence of  
gang robbery exists in Perak, which is  
attributed to the numbers of mining coolies  
thrown out of employment owing to the low  
price of tin. The gambling and pawn farms  
have been attacked near Gopeng by 20 armed  
Kehs, who secured \$8,200. Rewards have  
been offered for their apprehension, and the  
Police are now watching all the farms.

The Police attacked some cattle-thieves  
near Gopeng, and a fight ensued in which  
one constable was fatally wounded. The  
thieves escaped.

## GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 8th January, 10.55 a.m.

THE "WALLAROO'S" DISASTER  
EXAGGERATED.

The *Wallaroo's* distress signal was mis-  
read. Actually 4 men were killed and 3  
injured, not 43 killed, owing to the boiler  
explosion.

## BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

*L'Echo de Paris* states that Britain and  
France will sign a convention in settlement  
of their colonial and other differences.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

## THE NEW JAPANESE CRUISERS.

LONDON, 6th January.

One hundred and twenty British Reservists,  
recreated by the Shipping Federation, with ten  
officers have left London for Genoa to assist in  
the navigation of the two cruisers recently pur-  
chased by Japan. There was much enthusiasm  
and cheers for Japan on the men leaving  
Victoria.

EXTRAORDINARY DEMAND FOR  
COAL AND TONNAGE.

LONDON, 6th January.

There was an extraordinary demand for  
Cardiff coal yesterday on the exchange, and also  
for tonnage to the Far East. In addition to  
six large vessels previously chartered by one  
firm for Japan, four others were fixed on  
Monday. The Admiralty also is asking for  
further tonnage for Hongkong, and other  
Eastern depots. The Admiralty agents have  
paid 20/- per ton for 5,000-ton vessels for  
Hongkong.

THE DERBYSHIRES' REINFORCE-  
MENTS.

Referring to the departure from Parkhurst,  
Isle of Wight, on the 7th ult. of a strong draft  
of the 2nd Sherwoods to join the first battalion  
at Hongkong, the *Daily Mail* says, the unusual  
order has been issued that wives and families  
will not accompany the men. This is regarded  
as somewhat significant in view of the disqui-  
tting reports as to the situation in the Far East."

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued  
the following report:—  
On the 8th at 11.55a. The barometer has fallen  
over China and Japan, risen at Vladivostok.  
The high pressure area still covers China, the  
Loochoos and S. Japan, and pressure is low to  
the NE. of Japan.  
Gradients slight on the China coast with  
moderate monsoon in the Formosa Channel,  
rather steep with strong monsoon over the China  
Sea.  
Forecast:—moderate NE. winds; fine.

## THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

Yesterday morning's developments seemed of  
the blackest description, many items of news  
then telegraphed apparently being indications of war.  
Japanese have chartered the s.s. *Taifu*, flying  
the neutral flag of Germany, to replace it, it  
is believed, one of their own steamers taken up by  
the Japanese Government. Coal freights are  
firmer, there being a good demand for tonnage  
at Japan; in fact, it appears that coal is being  
hurried away from Moji as fast as possible,  
as war might break out. Tonnage is wanted  
from Moji to Hongkong at \$1.80 per ton. It  
was with the greatest difficulty, the military  
authorities being very reticent, that we learned  
yesterday that H.M.S. *Humber* was to leave for  
the north, with 250 men of the Sherwood  
Foresters, in the evening. When our representa-  
tive called at the U.S. Consulate, where, as is  
always the case when U.S. officials are visited, he  
was courteously received, he learned that enqui-  
ries had been made as to whether it was  
true that Chinese had been tearing up the  
Fatsien railway. The Consulate, indeed, had  
received no news to that effect, and he had  
no news of there being trouble in  
the south. It was after this visit that  
we made enquiries in other directions.  
Next a report came in to the effect that  
the troops were bound for Amoy to quell a  
disturbance; this, however, seeming unlikely,  
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## CATTLE DISEASE.

In view of the prevalence of cattle disease in  
Hongkong and the New Territory it is inter-  
esting to note that the Siamese Government have  
decided to send Dr. H. Adamson, Inspector-  
General of Hospitals, to the Philippines to  
study the latest treatment of the diseases of  
cattle, but more particularly of rinderpest. It  
is intended to procure the most modern and  
most scientific remedies and modes of treatment  
for this disease, which is causing so much  
distress among Siamese agriculturists, who  
depend so much upon the buffalo for the  
cultivation of their rice-fields. Dr. Adamson  
was to start about the beginning of this month  
and to be accompanied by Dr. Att. of the  
Hospital Department. The American hospitals  
in the Philippines are to be visited and enquiries  
made as to the advisability of the Siamese  
Government establishing a laboratory for the  
manufacture of vaccine virus.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.  
10th January, let Sunday after Epiphany.  
Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Matins (11 a.m.).  
Responses, Psalms; Venite, Farrant; Psalms;  
Wickes, Elvey, Monk, Felton and Elvey; Te  
Deum, Dykes in F; Benedictus, Garrett in G;  
Anthem, "Send out Thy Light," Gounod;  
Hymn, 78; Offertory Hymn, 81.  
Evensong (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Psalms; Psalms, Goss, Wickes,  
Croft, Crotch and Heathcote; Magnificat,  
Matthews in E (6th M.); Nunc Dimittis, Foster  
in E (5th M.); Hymns, 76, 266, and 79; Vesper  
Hymn, Ward (No. 1).

## S. PETER'S CHURCH.

Queen's Road West.  
Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Matins (11 a.m.).  
Venite, Jones; Te Deum, Woodward; Jubilate.  
Crotch; Hymns, 486, 473, 86, and 320.  
Evensong (6.30 p.m.).

Magnificat, Talle; Nunc Dimittis, Tucker;  
Hymns, 289, 487, 89, and 422.  
The Church launch *Dayspring* will call on  
ships carrying white crews to bring friends  
ashore to the service, between 9.15 and 10.30  
a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon  
Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards.  
The Answering Pennant is the call flag. All  
the sittings are free and unappropriated.  
Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday  
School 10-10.45 a.m.

## GOSPEL HALL.

Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road  
East.

Meetings are held as follows:—Sunday—  
Acts 2, 42, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday—Soldiers' and Sailors' Bible Class  
6 p.m.  
Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m.  
Saturday—Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.



## SPORTING NOTES.

In spite of war rumours and the general spirit of unrest produced thereby, sport will be brisk in Hongkong this afternoon. A very important League match takes place on the Cricket Ground; the first of the Football Shield ties will be played in the Happy Valley, followed by a friendly game the same afternoon; and other events of interest make up the list. It was a very good idea to have the return game between the Civil Service C.C. and the Army Ordnance Corps played on the premier cricket ground of the Colony, and no doubt a big attendance will be secured. The Civil Service has not been defeated this season. The A.O.C. was beaten once, in the first League engagement with the Civil Service men. That game was played on the 31st October, when the Civil Service, winning the toss, went in and made 55 (Davies 28, Brett 11, Extras 22). The A.O.C. could only put up 33, the best individual score being 7. Withell took 6 wickets for 22 and Lander 3 for 14 in the A.O.C. innings. In spite of this the A.O.C. on the strength of their magnificent performances of late, will start rather favourites to-day. Both teams are powerful in bowling, especially the Civil Service, while the A.O.C. batting is marked by unusual vigour. The game is thought likely to decide the League championship for the season, for no other team is in the running. As I prophesied earlier in the season, the Craigieburn C.C. has improved greatly and should finish third, a position which they now occupy temporarily. Could the H.K.C.C. Reserves play a regular team, with a couple of good bowlers, I should put my faith in them for fourth place, in spite of the fact that they have at present one victory only to set against four defeats.

The following is the revised League table, from which it will be seen that there is a large interval after the two leaders:

Clubs	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
A.O.C.	9	8	1	0	24
Civil Service	8	5	0	3	16
Craigieburn	8	3	3	2	11
R.E.	6	3	3	0	9
H.M.S. Tamar	5	2	3	0	6
R.A.M.C.	6	1	4	1	3
H.K.C.C. "A"	5	1	4	0	3
Parsons	5	0	5	0	0

The Football Shield competition opens to-day with a match between H.M.S. *Glory*, the holders, and H.M.S. *Leviathan*. The *Glory* should secure a handsome victory if the *Leviathan's* form against the H.K.C.C. on Wednesday was anything like true. The match, it should be noted, begins at 2.15 p.m. on the Club ground, while the friendly game between the H.K.F.C. and H.M.S. *Albion* follows at 4 o'clock. The remaining ties in the first round of the Shield will have to be played soon, as the 30th inst. is the last day. It is to be feared that the Sherwood Foresters will be much weakened by the departure of 250 for the North yesterday. Their first-round opponents, the Rovers F.C., make their debut in public to-day, meeting the R.E. on the Military ground.

The H.K.F.C. Rugby team beat H.M.S. *Ocean* rather easily yesterday by 2 goals and a try to love.

Two hockey matches were played by the H.K.C.C. this week. On Wednesday the 11th Mahatras, the old 14th Bombay Light Infantry, were met. The Club played a much better game than hitherto this season and drew with last year's champions, the score being 1 goal all. Woodhouse in particular distinguished himself, and at back Murphy was very good. Yesterday, the 93rd Burma, probably the best hockey team in the Far East, were encountered, when the Burmas gained an easy victory by 6 goals to 1. For the hockey trophy entries close on the 31st January. Plenty of teams seem likely to enter, and competition should be very keen.

The sixth club race, in connection with this season's championship of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, takes place to-day and to-morrow; the championship-class sail to-day, and the one-designers and second class to-morrow.

Bowling, after the match between the Hongkong and German Clubs, always languishes. Why, I wonder, does the Navy not raise a team occasionally? The only event of interest in me lately forthcoming is a roll for a cup presented by Mr. T. C. Gray.

The glorious victory for the M.C.C.'s English team at Melbourne on the 5th inst. is a fitting continuation of the successes over Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and Australia at Sydney. A win by 185 runs is a great feat against Australia's full strength. Of course the largeness of the margin is discounted by the good fortune of England in winning the toss and running up 315 in the first innings. The change in the weather was fully manifested by the other three innings—105 (England) and 122 and 111 (Australia). But England suffered from the worst of luck in the test matches in the last Australian tour in the home country, so that matters more or less square themselves. The Australians will probably think more of India's bowling in future, especially on wet wickets. The third test game commences at Adelaide on the 15th inst., after which a visit will be paid to Tasmania.

Australia does not seem to have a very exalted opinion of the many game of football. This is what the *Sydney Bulletin* says about it:—The game of football as now played is nothing but legalised assault and battery and premeditated murder; athletes of the better class are giving it up. The abolition of football by Act of Parliament may yet have to be seriously considered.

And here is an American view:—Nineteen lives have been sacrificed on the inter-collegiate football gridiron this season, one person has been driven insane, and thirteen have been seriously injured, and some have been disabled for life. One Yale and one Harvard player had a leg broken. One Berkeley man was made temporarily insane, and two Stanford men have not yet recovered from the fierce experience of the last inter-collegiate game in this city. No wonder Pennsylvania and Ohio towns are prohibiting the game as too dangerous for civilised human beings to play.

OMPAX.

## NOTES FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

In the shrubbery at the east end of the grevillae walk are two or three specimens of *Reinhardtia trigyna*. This plant, which is more familiarly known under the name of *Liana*, makes a small shrub about 3 feet high and flowers most profusely at this time of the year. The flowers are very conspicuous, being bright yellow in colour and more than an inch across. The species is a native of the hills of India, and it has also been found in China at Ichang and Chungking. It has been in cultivation in England since 1799.

*Jasminum azoricum*, a sweet-scented, white flowered species, is a good winter bloomer, and several specimens of it may be found in various parts of the gardens. The individual flowers are more than an inch in diameter, and as they are produced very plentifully towards the ends of the branches they make a fine show. The plant is a scandent bush of some 4 or 5 ft. high, and was introduced into England from Madeira in 1724.

A plant having a very curiously-shaped flat inflorescence and bearing the name *Combretum Lafigeri* may be seen in the shrubbery in the statue plot. The flowers are in great numbers and are conspicuous by their yellow-coloured stamens. The species is a native of Brazil, and in Hongkong it forms a scandent shrub about 3 ft. high.

A free-flowering Hongkong shrub, *Justicia Adhatoda*, is now in flower, and a specimen planted on the bank immediately below the bandstand looks particularly well. The flowers are in spikes on the upper axils of the leaves, and are white, with the exception of a purple marking on the inside of the lower lip of the corolla. This plant has been known to cultivation in England for more than 200 years, as it was introduced into that country from Ceylon in 1699. It is found also in India and Malaya. The total rainfall for last year amounted to 94.41 inches, which is nearly 8 inches above the average of the last ten years.

## POLICE COURT.

Friday, 8th January.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

GROSS CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.  
Hu Lu, Lu Ching, and Chan To and two others were charged with cruelty to animals by beating them through a hatchway on a junk which was too small to get them through without hurting them severely. Evidence was led for the prosecution, the following being the facts. On board junk No. 803, yesterday morning, Police-Sergeant Kerr noticed some Chinamen discharging cattle into lighters, and noticing the careless manner in which they were being handled by the Chinese, the sergeant went and investigated the matter and found that the men were beating the animals, by ropes round their bodies, through a 3 feet 6 inch square hatchway, the animals thus being put to most unnecessary suffering, being cut and bruised all over. The first man was fined \$25, the second two \$10 each, and the others \$7.50 each, and warned against a recurrence of the offence.

## KIDNAPING.

Chan Yi was arraigned on the charge of kidnapping a girl under 14 years of age, named Chow Kwai Ngan, and taking her from the lawful custody of her parents. Evidence of the report of the parents of the loss of their daughter, and of the subsequent arrest of the defendant, was given, when the case was remanded till Tuesday, the 12th inst., bail being allowed in the sum of \$500.

## WATER RESERVE.

LEVEL AND STORAGE WATER IN RESERVOIRS ON THE 1ST JANUARY.

	Below overlow	Below overflow
Tytam	14 ft. 11 in. 19 ft. 5 in.	19 ft. 5 in. 22 ft. 7 in.
Pokfulam	21 ft. 6 in. 22 ft. 7 in.	22 ft. 7 in. 24 ft. 2 in.
Wongneichong	35 ft. 24 in. 22 ft. 2 in.	
STORAGE GALLONS.		
	1903.	1904.
Tytam	270,070,000	240,100,000
Pokfulam	21,600,000	19,575,000
Wongneichong	1,900,000	9,745,000

Total 293,570,000 269,380,000

CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA AND HILL DISTRICT DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

	1902.	1903.
Consumption	62,834,000	112,120,000
Estimated population	216,800	221,700
Consumption per head per day	10.4	16.3
Intermittent supply in force during the whole of December 1902; and from the 21st December, 1903.		

CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN KOWLOON PENINSULA DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

	1902.	1903.
Consumption	14,516,000	14,568,000
Estimated population	59,500	65,400
Consumption per head per day	7.8	7.2

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM, Water Authority.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA Ceylon.]

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S COMMISSION.

London, 17th December.  
23 gentlemen have already consented to join Mr. Chamberlain's Commission. They include Sir Vincent Caillard, and the following Members of the House of Commons:—The Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, Mr. W. B. Grenfell, Mr. F. L. Harris, Sir Alexander Henderson, Sir Alfred Hickman, and Mr. A. W. Macdonald. Mr. William Albert Samuel Hewins, Professor of Economics, King's College, has been appointed Secretary of the Commission, which will meet in January. The Reformers are of opinion that no such powerful Commission on the country's trade has ever before been constituted. The Standard says that Mr. Chamberlain's plan of procedure is something like a defiance of the authority of the Crown, the Cabinet, and the legislature, and it is the plain duty of Mr. Balfour to discontinue an attempt to establish an irresponsible dictatorship.

London, 18th December.  
Mr. Chamberlain, at Leeds, expressed a wish to be sent to the Colonies to arrange a tariff. Appointments of Colonial experts are expected shortly, every Colony, Crown and self-Governing, being represented.

The Tariff Reform League is anxious that only resident business men, and not ex-officials, be appointed.

THE NEW COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

London, 19th December.  
The following is the composition of the Australian Commonwealth Parliament after the elections.

In the Senate:—22 Protectionists; 14 Free-traders.

In the House of Representatives:—42 Protectionists; and 33 Free-traders.

THE BOER PRISONERS IN INDIA.

Bombay, 19th December.

The Boer General De la Rey visited Ahmednagar, where there were about 500 obdurate Boer prisoners. He addressed them for five hours, answering many foolish arguments. The result was that 488 took the oath of allegiance, and the remainder are expected to do the same. General De la Rey's permission amounted practically to a command.

Bombay, 21st December.

All five hundred of the Boer prisoners at Ahmednagar have now signed the oath of allegiance. General De la Rey's task is therefore at an end, and has been entirely successful. As their old leader, he practically commanded them to comply with the terms of the Vereeniging Convention, which required every prisoner to take the oath. At the outset some prisoners gave the General a cold reception, but all came round eventually.

LATEST ADVICE OF THE "NOVOE VREMIA."

London, 22nd December.

The *Novoe Vremia*, while considering that the British advance on Tibet menaces Russia's political position in Central Asia very slightly, urges that a Proclamation be issued of a Russian protectorate over Kashgar, Yarkand, and Kuldja.

MILD SENTENCES AT KISHINEFF.

London, 22nd December.

The trial of the rioters at Kishineff for outrages committed last May has ended. Two have been sentenced to seven and five years' imprisonment; and twelve have been acquitted.

THE MISSION TO TIBET.

Calcutta, 22nd December.

The Tibet Mission passed through Yalung on the 13th instant, reaching Kinchenpong the same day. No firing nor resistance was offered; but Chinese officials and soldiers entered a vigorous protest against entry into Tibetan territory. After the Mission had crossed the frontier all the Tibetan chiefs and soldiers in the valley made a hasty retreat; but the Chinese officials and troops are sticking strenuously to their houses. They say that the valley belongs to the Emperor of China, and they will not evacuate it for anybody. The village is a fine one, consisting of some forty large double and triple-storied houses. The Chambi Valley is described as a prosperous place, with walled-in English-looking fields. When the Tibetan General found that entrance to the Mission to halt were of no avail, he hurried off to Phari, and probably the Mission has now arrived there. The escort, which was at Khambojong, withdrew to Sikim on the 12th, when the advance was made into the Chambi Valley, and the Tibetans were evidently taken by surprise that the number was so small. The Chinese officials in the valley are friendly enough. The inhabitants have treated the force with much cordiality, and have readily supplied food and other necessities. The Indian troops are standing the intense cold well, cheerfully enduring considerable hardships. When the snow falls supplies will have to be taken over 25 miles of snow at a height of 12,000 feet. The roads are execrable. The forward move to Phari will, it is confidently expected, either lead to the Tibetans making some opposition or altogether collapsing.

[VIA SHANGHAI.]

THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

Berlin, 31st December.

It is probable that Russia will calmly enter into negotiations with Japan on the basis of the latter's last communication. The European Press continues to look upon the Japanese war preparations only as a means of making the diplomatic pressure stronger. There is no alarming news whatever received in official circles.

2nd January.

Russia has not yet given her answer to the last Japanese note. The pessimistic views of

the London Press with regard to this answer are, therefore, without any object. Both the Tsar and Count Lamsdoff expressed themselves in a very confident way as to the maintaining of the peace, provided nothing unexpected happens.—O. Lloyd.

THE CHICAGO DISASTER.

Berlin, 31st December.

During a matinee the Iroquois theatre, a new monumental building in Chicago, was entirely destroyed by fire. At least a thousand people have perished in the flames. The theatre was full of women and children. The people in the second and third gallery saw their exit cut off by the flames. Late in the afternoon, 7-6 bodies were recovered. A number of well-known actors are missing. The cause was a short circuit of the electric wires between the stage. The asbestos curtain did not work at all. Ten minutes after the first alarm was given, six hundred people were suffocated. There was a tremendous panic. Many people jumped from the balcony upon those in the stalls.

Berlin, 2nd January.

The casualties at the Chicago theatre catastrophe are, according to the last telegrams, 630 dead, 390 missing, 170 wounded. A number of the employees of the theatre have been arrested.—O. Lloyd.

## CHINESE LABOUR FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The Johannesburg correspondent of the

London Report says he is in a position to state that negotiations are on the point of conclusion with influential men in Hongkong by the mining community there for the importation of Chinese labour, and a definite scheme had already been arranged. The draft report of the Native Labour Commission in substance recommends the importation of Asiatic labour. The report has not yet been published; neither has a sub-committee been unanimously formed to revise it. But the opinion prevails in all well-informed circles that no decisive enhancement in the value of "Kaffirs" will take place until the first batch of Asiatics has actually left for South Africa. It has been reported that the Chinese Government has decided to refuse to permit recruiting for labourers, to work in the South African mines, in any part of the Chinese Empire. In the market no attention is paid to the statement, as although a law prohibiting emigration from the Chinese Empire has been in existence for many years, it has been practically inoperative, remarks the same journal.

In the same connection, "H. B." writes to the *Daily Mail*:—In view of the desire to utilise Chinese labour for the Rand mines, I would like, as one having a practical knowledge of Chinese labour, to say that the Chinaman will never work in deep levels, and nothing will ever induce him to do so. There is no better workman in the sunlight than the "Chinkey," but beyond daylight I can assure you he will never take it on; and those who are seeking it so zealously will find they are only following a "will o' the wisp." Soon or late, white labour must come, and the sooner the better for the unfortunate shareholders. For half-a-century the Australian mines have been worked by white men with success and profit, and in a very short time thousands of skilled gold miners could be imported from that country.

Referring to the letter quoted above, Mr. A. Bowler, M.E., says:—I can fully endorse the remarks of "H. B." in your issue of Saturday on Chinese labour. I have spent twenty years among the Chinese on the various gold-fields of Australia, and have never known them to adapt themselves to deep mining. Their chief forte is "fessicking" in the old and abandoned alluvial diggings, and they rarely work at a greater depth than 100 feet, while they have a great aversion to work in mines under the supervision of Europeans. I am confident that had the Labour Commission visited Australia in order to obtain evidence as to the suitability of Chinese for the Rand they would have obtained overwhelming proofs to convince them that for deep mining the Chinese would be an utter failure. At the present time the high cost of living in Johannesburg prevents the employment of white skilled labour at a wage that would prove the solution of the Rand labour trouble. When a white skilled miner can live in Johannesburg and keep himself and family on £2 5s. to £3 per week, the labour trouble of the Transvaal will no longer be chronic. At B-and-j, where the deepest quartz mining in Australia is carried on—to a depth of 3,600 feet—dividends are paid on ore averaging 6 to 7 dwts. per ton. The miners' wages there are from £2 5s. to £2 10s. per week.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon &amp; Smyth say in their weekly

share report, dated Hongkong, 8th January, 1904:—With the exception of a slight rise in Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, Lands, and a few minor stocks, we have nothing of importance to report. Business continues very restricted and dull, owing to the very unsettled state of the political situation and the rise in sterling exchange.

Banking.—Small sales of Hongkong and Shanghai are reported at \$550, but the market closes weak with sellers at that rate. Nationals have been placed in small lots at \$315, but close firmer with small buyers at \$322.

MARINE INSURANCES.—With the exception

of small sales of Unions at \$490 we have nothing to report under this heading.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China Firms have

changed hands at \$392 and \$393, closing steady at \$393. Hongkong continues out of favour with sellers at \$305.

SHIPPING.—Small sales of Hongkong, Can-

ton, and Macao are reported at \$314. Indo-China has been negotiated at \$72 and \$73, market closing with sales at \$73. Star Forties

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have been done at \$30 for old, and Shell Transports at 22s. 6d. and 23s.

REFINERS.—China Sugars have been on offer during the week at \$104 without inducing buyers to come forward and close with sales at \$103. Lardons neglected and still without business.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, continuing in demand at \$206, and no shares being forthcoming, the rate gradually rose to \$207, at which, and later at \$208, \$208½, and \$209, some shares changed hands. At this time of writing shares are obtainable at \$209, and the demand seems to have temporarily ceased. Kowloon Wharfs with sellers at \$97, and no buyers, gradually fall to \$95½ and \$95, at which rates a few shares changed hands. Earnings have improved to Tls. 123, after sales at \$121, \$122 and \$122½.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hong-

kong Lands have been placed at \$155½ and \$156, closing steady at the latter rate. Hotels continue on offer without business at \$143.

West Points have found buyers at \$52 and \$52½, closing steady. Kowloon Lands have been placed at \$35, and further shares are wanted at that rate. Humphreys' Estates have been negotiated at \$11½, cum new issue, and close at \$11½ on new issue and \$2½ for the new issue.

COTTONS.—No changes or business to report

under this heading.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Manila Investments Co., being now incorporated with the Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., under the title of the Philippine Co., Ltd., the two first-mentioned companies have been expunged from our list and replaced by the Philippine Co., Ltd. Green Islands have been placed at \$24½, Watsons at \$14½. Old Electric at \$12½ and China Providents at \$9½ and \$9½, the last mentioned closing in demand at a probable higher rate.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

A SMALL CRAFT.

A very small steamer, the *Director Arthur Barry*, 136 tons, arrived from Hamburg this morning in ballast. She is one of the smallest deep-water craft we know of.

B.I. STEAMER DAMAGED.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Sachsen* arrived here from the west yesterday. She reported having, on the 4th inst., passed the British India s.s. *Okla*, in Lat. 34° 53' N., 108° 43' E., with her star shaft broken. The *Okla* is a steamer 3,138 registered tons; she was built at Dantzig in 1895.

SHORT OF PROVISIONS.

The American sailing-ship *Wye J. Ray* was signalled by the s.s. *Director Arthur Barry* in 15d. 34m. N. lat. 119d. 35m. E. lon. She said she was 92 days out from Rangoon, British N. Borneo, and was short of provisions; Captain Elder, of the steamer, gave her a barrel of beef. The *Director Arthur Barry*, by the way, arrived here yesterday.

SUICIDE AT SEA.

The B.I. s.s. *Purnea* arrived from Rangoon the evening before last. A Chinaman jumped overboard and was drowned on the 3rd inst.

THE N.Y.E.

The *Yorodusa* states that the chief officials of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha held a council on the 25th inst., and decided to offer the service of its whole fleet, consisting of 78 vessels, to be used as transports at a figure between 5 and 3½ yen per ton.

THE "HONG WAN" ASHORE.

The Wen Bin s.s. *Hong Wan* was aground on a reef between the Sultan Shoal and Polo Bank on the 23rd inst. The *Hong Wan* was coming from Malacca and Muar, her usual run, when she ran ashore. The vessel was got off at high water next day, and arrived safely at Singapore.

A GREAT DOCK FOR COLOMBO.

It is reported that initial steps are being taken towards the construction of a huge graving dock for cleaning and repairing the largest merchant and war ships ever likely to visit Colombo; indeed, it is claimed that the dock, when completed, will be the finest and largest in the world, and that it will challenge comparison with any of the dry docks available for the use of his Majesty's navy. Sir West Ridgway compared it to advantage with those at Hongkong, Singapore and Bombay. But of course the new works at Bombay will again eclipse that, notwithstanding that all Colombo's modern works have been generously conceived and promptly and energetically carried out.

H.M.S. "CENTURION'S" GUN-SIGHTS.

Writing about the inaccurate gun-sights of the *Centurion*, the *Naval and Military Record* says:—We shall not advance the case of efficiency in gunnery or anything else by going into hysterics; and especially at a time when the Admiralty have at their disposal measures that are calculated to bring the Naval Ordnance Department into better harmony with the aspirations of the service, it is advisable to keep our temper. The guns of the *Centurion* do not cast back any creditable reflection, but how many other ships are there in our principal fighting squadrons that were sent to sea even less able to use their guns? It is not a comforting fact for contemplation that if ever we have a naval Sedan defeative gun-sights will be the primary cause. How after such a crisis those who have been paid in money, rank, and status, and have shirked their responsibility, can hope to escape a *lustrum* is impossible to see.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenlyffe*, from London, left Singapore yesterday morning, and may be expected here on the 14th inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrapura* left Portland (Or.) on the 2nd inst., via Japan ports, and may be expected here on the 3rd prox.

The C.P.E. steamer *Albion* arrived at Nagasaki at 4.30 p.m. on the 7th inst., and left again at 1.1 p.m. on the 8th for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 5 a.m. on the 10th inst.

The T.K.K. steamer *Ehrlia* left Manila on the 7th inst., and is expected here this afternoon.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Lyra* left Manila on the 7th inst. for this port.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Kintuck* left Singapore yesterday morning and is due here on the 14th inst.



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Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [185]

## NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 10th instant, that portion of Praya East extending from No. 2, Police Station to Bowring Canal will be closed to wheeled traffic. The section from Praya East to Police Station, which is at present closed, will be re-opened to wheeled traffic on the same day.

W. CHATHAM,  
Director of Public Works.  
Public Works Department,  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [186]

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 9th instant, will be for LONG RANGE CUP and SPOONS, for 1000 YARDS, 700 and 500 YARDS, Ten Shots and a Sighting at each Range.  
M. S. NORTHCOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [185]

## NOTICE.

AN OLD ALLENYIAN DINNER will be held on MONDAY, the 11th JANUARY, 1904, at 7.30 P.M., at the HONGKONG HO'EL.

The undersigned will receive names of any Old Alleenians who have not yet been communicated with.

H. ARTHUR,  
Care of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [187]

## THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT

will be ready on Monday, and will contain:-  
Leading Articles:-  
The Northern Crisis.  
Great Britain and Chinese Railways.  
Germany, Russia, and Others.  
The Currency Question.  
The Railway and the Sabbath.  
Hongkong Jottings.

The War Scare.  
Governor Taft on the Philippines.  
Japanese and Russian Naval Expansion.  
Five in Queen's Road.  
Richards Fares in the New Territory.  
Canton.  
Peking.  
Port Arthur.  
Correspondence.  
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co.  
Canton-Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Co.

Supreme Court.  
"Empress of India" Collision Case.  
Sporting Notes.  
Tattoo Sports.  
Cricket.  
Football.  
Royal Hongkong Golf Club.  
Boxing.  
Hongkong and Port News.  
Commercial.  
Shipping.

Subscription, \$12 per annum, payable in advance; postage, \$2.  
Extra copies 30 cents each. Cash.  
Copies can be posted from the Office to addresses sent, including postage 34 cents each, or \$1 for three copies, Cash.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904.

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK PREMISES, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30th JANUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purposes following:-

To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 31st December, 1903, the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors, to determine whether the place of Mr. WILLIAM WOTTON who retires under Article 133 shall be filled up, whether the London Committee shall be reduced to two instead of three under Article 137, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 30th day of JANUARY, 1904, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [188]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.  
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.  
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE Steamship

## "SACHSEN."

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M., TO-DAY, 8th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th January, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, the 15th January, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims for damage must be sent in before the 20th January, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [5]

YING KEE,  
REFRESHMENT CONTRACTOR and CATERER.

Ball Suppers, Dance Suppers, Picnics, Luncheons, and At Homes Catered for.  
Cutlery, Crockery, and Table Linen on hire.  
For Terms, apply to:-  
YING KEE,  
(First Floor) 50, Des Vaux Road Central.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3434]

GRACA & CO.,  
FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP DEALERS.

No. 58, FEEL STREET, HONGKONG.  
We are glad to send STAMPS on approval to any address on receipt of satisfactory references.

Are also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash.

AGENTS WANTED.  
15 to 25 per cent. Discount Allowed. [331]

QUAN WAH & CO.,  
GRANITE MERCHANT CONTRACTORS.

MAKERS OF GRANITE MONUMENTS.  
No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.  
Estimates, Designs & Prices on Application.  
All descriptions of Granite for Export.  
Hongkong, 17th October, 1903. [204]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM  
OF  
DENTISTRY.

DR. M. H. CHAUN,  
27, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL HONGKONG,  
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.  
Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [2490]

## PURE FRESH WATER

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER-BOAT CO., LTD., is prepared to supply ANY QUANTITY of PURE FRESH WATER to the Shipping, both for Deck and Boilers.

Call Flag W.  
J. W. KEW,  
Manager,  
1st Floor, 37, Connaught Road,  
Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [3345]

## INTIMATIONS

## WANTED.

A GOOD SPANIEL or RETRIEVER.  
Apply to:-  
HENRY HUMPHREYS,  
38 and 40, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [171]

## WANTED.

FOR Weekday Afternoons, ENGLISH, SPEAKING FEMALE to take charge of a Little German Boy.

Apply:-  
P. O. B. No. 58  
Care of Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [173]

## WANTED.

SALESMAN for Cant in German Import Firm.  
Apply by letter to:-  
BOX 630,  
Care of Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [126]

## SITUATION WANTED.

EXPERIENCED LADY STENOGRAPHER desires position in Hongkong.  
Apply by letter to:-  
L. V.,  
Care of Japan Mail, Yokohama,  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [172]

A GENTLEMAN can have BOARD and RESIDENCE with a Private Family in Kowloon. Good Locality.  
Apply to:-  
BOX 620,  
Care of Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [109]

## GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE, BRITISH and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M., on the 12th January, 1904.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the CHIEF PAYMASTER, Army Pay Department, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

GEO. H. FERRIER, Colonel,  
H.M. Treasury Chest Officer,  
His Majesty's Treasury Office,  
Fletcher Street,  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1904. [177]

## OWNERS OF HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and in the Eastern Division of Kowloon are hereby notified that under No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws any domestic building or part of such building which is occupied by more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Board, be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED throughout to the satisfaction of the Board during the months of January and February.

The Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the 29th February.

Notes:-The boundaries of the above Districts have been altered and are now as follows:-  
THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY GRAHAM STREET AND ENDICOTT STREET.

The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded on the west by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the north end thereof through the Yau-mai service reservoir to the northern boundary of Kowloon.

By Order,  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office,  
4th January, 1904. [136]

Action No. 173 of 1903.  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.  
Between THE KIN TAI LOONG FIRM Plaintiffs,  
and  
HON SUI SHANG and LEONG YUEK KI Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Writ of Foreign Attachment returnable on the 11th JANUARY, 1904, against all the property movable and immovable of the above-named Defendants has been issued in this Action pursuant to Section 453 of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1903.  
DEACON & HASTINGS,  
Solicitors for the Plaintiffs.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that 15-Pr. B. L. GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from close to the 3rd Mile Stone under Mount Davis in a South-Westerly direction at Ranges from 80 to 1,800 yards.

Practice will commence at 4 P.M. on SATURDAY, January 9th, if the range is clear.

By Command,  
A. M. THOMSON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 4th January, 1904. [129]

## CARTRIDGES.

IMPORTED EVERY MONTH, THEREFORE ALWAYS FRESH.

ELEY'S, SCHULTZ'S, AMBERITE and KYNOK'S SPORTING CARTRIDGES 8, 10, 12, 16, and 20 BORE, and NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT in all Sizes, Nos. 10 to SSGS. AIR GUNS and AMMUNITION in Variety.

WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1902. [11]

## ENTERTAINMENTS

## THEATRE ROYAL.

GRAND BOXING TOURNAMENT, will take place at CITY HALL, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 9th JANUARY, 1904.

When the following Men are to Meet:-  
(Heavy Weights) JOE ES, R.M.A., of Albion, versus MORGAN, A.B., of Vengeance,  
(Banner-up of Heavy Weight Championship of Mediterranean) in a 10 Rounds Contest for a Purse.

(Penthor Weights) CRANE, R.M.L.T. of Vengeance, versus COOKE, L., of Ocean, in a 10 Rounds Contest for a Purse.

(Bantam Championship of China Station) LARRY LAYTON, of Albion (Champion of China Station) versus MICKEY LACEY, of Vengeance (Champion of Mediterranean Station), will box the best of 21 Rounds for the Championship of China Station, these two Lads having already met and fought a draw for this Championship at Yokohama.

(Welter Weights) STU. THOMPSON, of Vengeance (Welter Champion of Mediterranean and China Stations), versus TED SMITH, of Eclipse, Contest 6 Rounds for a Purse.

(Middle Weights) BERGEN, of Tamar, versus STU. BYNG, of Vengeance, 6 Rounds at Catch Weight for a Purse.

R. NICHOLLS, of Vengeance (Middle-weight Champion Mediterranean Station), 10 Rounds for Championship China Station.

Several more well-known Boxers will be on the spot, and if time allows PARKER, of Ocean, would go versus TURNER, of Albion; or TERRY ARMSTRONG, of Vengeance.

Mr. C. C. ST. CLAIR, the well-known Middle-weight (or light heavy weight) professional champion, has consented to referee the events.

The full Band of H.M.S. Vengeance, under the direction of Signor Carlo Guidotti, by kind permission of Capt. LESLIE STUART, C.M.G., M.V.O., R.N., and Officers of Vengeance, will play an overture, and selections during the interval.

A Limited number of Stage Tickets at \$5. Prices... \$1, 2, 3 and 4.

Tickets can be obtained at COMPTON'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Naval Cantonment, of Mr. V. KUSTER, Boxing Manager, at New Victoria Hotel, or W. J. MANSELL, Promoter.

Doors open at 7.15, to commence at 8 P.M. sharp.

H. GOW, General Manager.  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [118]

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

A CONCERT followed by a laughable farce "TICKLISH TIMES" will be given at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1904, commencing at 9 P.M.

PRICES:-  
Dress Circle... \$3  
Stalls... \$2  
Pit... \$1

Reserved Seats may be booked at ROBINSON PIANO CO., on and after JANUARY 11th, 1904.

Under the patronage of H.E. Mr. MAY, C.M.G., H.E. Major-General V. HATTON, C.B., and Rear-Admiral ROBINSON.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [143]

## MUSIC.

RAPID Tuition given on the BANJO, VIOLIN, &c. Terms moderate.

L. A. DE GRACA,  
58, Peel Street, at  
Care of Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1904. [85]

## DANCING.

MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of Professor F. F. WALLACE, of Rosemount Dancing Academy, Glasgow) has pleasure in advertising a SECOND BEGINNERS' CLASS to open in the CITY HALL shortly.

Practice twice weekly... Fee \$10 a month.

Address:-  
51, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [103]

## NOTICE.

THE date of Closing of Entries for the FORTHCOMING RACES has been POSTPONED from the 9th JANUARY to SATURDAY, 16th.

By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3530]

## NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. BUTTONE'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road, Price 15 cents per copy cash.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3518]

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

WE have authorised Mr. L. M. H. BOISSEREE to Sign our Firm from this date.

LUTGENS, EINSTAMANN & CO.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [115]

MR. HARRY W. HINE is authorised to Sign our Firm by procuration from this date.

ROWE & CO.  
Canton, 1st January, 1904. [116]

THE PARTNERSHIP between Mr. VICTOR H. DEACON and myself having expired I shall carry on my business in future at No. 2, WYNDHAM STREET, (Old German Club premises), JOHN HASTINGS.

Pongkong, 4th January, 1904. [114]

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between myself and Mr. JOHN HASTINGS having been dissolved by effluxion of time, my business will in future be carried on under the Firm name of DEACON, LOOKER and DEACON.

VICTOR H. DEACON,  
10, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [117]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

## CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LTD.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, 14, Des Vaux Road, on SATURDAY, the 16th JANUARY, 1904, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 13th January, 1904, to SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1904, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [130]

## THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 15th JANUARY, to WEDNESDAY, the 20th JANUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.  
Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [145]

## HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NON-RESIDENT SHAREHOLDERS desirous of applying for Shares of the new issue are hereby notified that the time within which applications can be made has been extended for such shareholders living in the Far East to the 31st instant, and for such shareholders living elsewhere, to the 31st of March.

Interest at the rate of 9% per annum from the 4th instant, until payment, will be charged in respect of all such applications.

No further applications can be considered from resident shareholders.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [149]

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON. On and after the 1st January, 1904, commencing with S.S. "COROMANDEL" from Shanghai on 12th January, and Hongkong on 16th January, the Passage Rates will be by Mail steamers:-

First Saloon Second Saloon  
To London \$85 \$44  
To Marseilles \$61 \$22  
To Brindisi \$61 \$22

Return tickets are issued at a fare and a half available for 2 years.

The proposed sailings are:-  
Departure from Hongkong, commencing at Colombo S.S. Coromandel January 18th S.S. Himalaya S.S. Bengal January 30th S.S. India S.S. Malta February 13th S.S. Moldavia S.S. Chusan February 27th S.S. Arcadia S.S. Ballarat March 12th S.S. Australia S.S. Coromandel March 26th S.S. Oceania S.S. Simla April 9th S.S. Mongolia S.S. Bengal April 23rd S.S. China S.S. Malta May 7th S.S. Himalaya S.S. Chusan May 21st S.S. Marmora

Good accommodation can be arranged, on booking, in the connecting steamers at Colombo, which now include the new steamers Moldavia, Mongolia and Marmora.

## INTERMEDIATE STEAMERS.

The revised rates of passage by these steamers are now:- To London 1st Saloon \$50, 2nd Saloon \$25.

Return tickets available for 2 years can now be issued at a fare and a half.

When these steamers call at Marseilles, tickets can be issued to that port at 48 First Saloon \$23 Second Saloon \$12.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1903. [3402]

## THE HONGKONG FROZEN FOOD SUPPLY.

Depot No. 3, Ice House Street.

FRESH SUPPLY OF FROZEN AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE just received by the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "TAI YUAN," including MUTTON, LAMB, PORK, SUCKLING PIGS, SPICED BEEF, RABBIT, FRITZ SAUSAGES, FRESH SAUSAGES, MILK (condensed), FRESH BUTTER, HAM (PRIME, SMOKED), PAST BEEF, and well known residents.

Price Lists on Application.

LAU KUE TONG,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [175]

## COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sundays excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. FARLANE, Manager.  
Hongkong, 18th November, 1903. [57]

## AMOY ENGINEERING CO., LD., AMOY

CALL FLAG E.

REPAIR WORK to Steamers and Launches. Castings in Brass and Iron. Moderate charges. Work solicited.



















## SUEZ VERSUS THE PACIFIC.

It matters little to the general public of Hongkong whether they get their goods via Suez, or via America; whichever route is the cheaper is preferable. At the present time Suez is by far the cheaper, but as regards passenger traffic it is another question. People, generally speaking, come out here by one route, and desiring to see some more of the world, return by the other; a matter of a few dollars one way or the other is very often not taken into consideration. However that may be, it is said that Mr. James J. Hill, the celebrated American, believes that he can divert the Oriental passenger traffic out of Europe from the Suez route to one running via New York, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Port of Spain, and he is at present engaged in a gigantic ship-building enterprise in completion of this scheme. He will not only own the railroads that bring the Oriental passengers from New York to the Pacific coast, but he will also own the ships that will carry them to and from Hongkong. He is making gigantic strides towards the culmination of his plan, and his advance guard has already arrived in these waters, namely the liner-freighters *Shamout* and *Tycomet*, now on the Hongkong run.

## STRANGE TIBET.

Tibet is the one land of mystery which remains in the world, for, although every other part of the globe has been explored, there is still this one great, mysterious, semi-savage land, guarded by stupendous mountains, from which the innovating white man is fiercely excluded.

It seems as if all the strangest and most fantastic customs on earth had taken refuge in this last retreat, for there one woman has many husbands, the ruler is a child who dies before he comes of age, the inhabitants wash themselves with grease, and praying is done by machinery.

Lhasa is the capital, and within the walls of this city, which is the mystery of mysteries, where the Grand Dalai Lama dreams away his sacred but brief existence, only three white men are known to have set foot. In 1811 an Englishman named Manning entered disguised as a lama, and in 1846 two French priests did the same thing, but no one has penetrated the stronghold since then, and if the British mission to Tibet, which is about to advance into the country as far as Gyangse, within 150 miles of the capital, should ever succeed in making an entrance there will be some interesting stories to tell.

Tibet has an absolutely religious government of theocracy, the head of which is supposed to be the Grand Dalai Lama, looked upon as an incarnation of Buddha, although the real ruler is a person named "the Gyapo," or temporal chief.

The Grand Lama is usually chosen at the age of five or six. He is kept in the palace at Lhasa and is never seen by the outside world. The Gyapo has entire charge of him, and at the age of fifteen or sixteen he dies of some mysterious disease, when it is announced that his spirit has passed to another infant who will be found at a certain place in a certain family. No doubt this is arranged for by the Gyapo and his assistants, for the child is always found as directed and duly installed with great pomp and many weird ceremonies.

There are curious marriage laws in the country by which a woman is allowed to have as many husbands as she likes, although a man may only have one wife. The women are very fond of decorating themselves with turquoise, which are found in large quantities, though not of the pure blue quality familiar to us. The Tibetans are like rough pebbles, varying in size from a pea to a hen's egg, and they are full of black specks and veins. The women literally cover themselves with the stones, and often all their worldly wealth is invested in the jewels, so that they go about carrying all they have.

One of the most curious religious customs is the use of prayer-wheels. These are somewhere in the shape of a barrel, and the prayers are written all round them.

The person who wishes to pray merely gives the wheel a turn—it is swung upon an axle, and the prayers are supposed to be said for him as long as the motion continues, while he is able to get on with any employment he happens to be engaged on. The process by which a Buddhist passes through various forms of incantation before he becomes fit to enter Nirvana—Heaven—may be accelerated by prayer. It is said that devout men in Tibet have a number of prayer wheels worked by wind and water, and in this way make progress that would otherwise occupy millions of years of incarnations.

Of the many weird religious ceremonies the most curious is the one which takes place in the spring at the Tibetan Gumpa, or monastery, which is situated to the left of the Indus, about twenty-five miles beyond Leh. Every spring the inhabitants of the surrounding country gather there to hold a kind of huge fair, the chief feature of which is a miracle play given by the monks, who take this opportunity of appealing to the fears and superstitions of the people.

The monks come on to the stage with wild antics and dressed in yellow robes with peaked hoods. When these hoods fall back hideous masks are disclosed. In this costume they rush madly about beating drums and tambourines. It is thought they are intended to represent some of the ugly forms that meet the dead man's soul in space. From time to time a crowd of strangely painted, naked figures rush on to the stage; these are supposed to represent the souls of the dead men.

## RAILWAYS IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

It is difficult to realize how rapidly railways are being pushed forward in China. Ten years hence, if there is no internal upheaval, many provinces in the Flowery Land will be in communication with the seaboard by rail. The change in the attitude of the Chinese populace towards railways has been almost imperceptibly wrought. Not very long ago, it was popularly believed that they would not tolerate a method of progress which might bring down upon them the wrath of evil spirits. Now they have realized the benefits the locomotive confers, little is heard either of geomantic influences, or of the possible disturbance of the graves of their ancestors. The latest event in connection with Chinese railways is the opening of the first section of the great trunk line which is to connect Canton, on the West River, with Hankow, or the Yangtze. Only ten miles of the line have been built at the Canton end, but the section was opened the other day with much ceremony, in the presence of many visitors from Hongkong. Construction is proceeding simultaneously at both ends of the route, and considerable progress has been made on the Hankow portion. The enterprise vitally affects the future of Hongkong, and it is not surprising that the residents in that colony, who are not as a community distinguished for "long views" in politics, are at last becoming anxious. The terms of the line cannot remain permanently at Canton. It must find an outlet to the coast where there is a deep-water anchorage for ocean liners. Is that spot to be in British territory on the mainland opposite Hongkong, or is it to be at some point within Chinese jurisdiction? Upon the settlement of that question the future progress of Hongkong must very largely depend. For years certain persons have held a concession for the construction of a railway from Kowloon to Canton. Nothing has been done to build the line, and at last Hongkong finds its maritime and commercial supremacy in Southern China seriously threatened. The holders of the concession appear to have remained supine in the belief that the line will not pay. It would seem, therefore, that the case is one wherein the British Government might consider the desirability of deviating from the rule which leads it to refuse to finance railways in territory over which it has no direct control. A considerable portion of the line would run through British territory, and it is vital to the interests of the colony that the Canton-Hankow railway should have its seaboard terminus at Kowloon. The French take a broader view of the question of railway construction in Southern China. They have just completed their arrangement for building a line from the Tonkin frontier to the capital of the province of Yunnan, and the French Government are giving a financial backing to the promoters of the undertaking. —*Times of India.*

## AN INTERESTING SUGGESTION.

In connection with the despatch of four ships of the Cruiser Squadron, under Sir Wilmot Fawcett, to the West Indies to take part in exercises with the British North American fleet, the *New York Herald* (Paris edition) makes an interesting suggestion. It remarks that, happily for the peace of the world, the most complete harmony in views binds the two great Anglo-Saxon nations together, and a closer actual co-operation is even desirable, as it can increase that harmony and be of benefit to all concerned. It is suggested that an opportunity for such co-operation is presented by the presence in the West Indies of a British squadron and an American naval force. It is suggested, therefore, why should not the United States Government extend an invitation to the British Government to allow the participation of the British fleet in a series of combined naval manoeuvres. The drawing up of a scheme for these manoeuvres could be undertaken by a commission composed of English and American admirals, who would also report on the result. Both the British and American navies would learn more from such an object-lesson than could be taught by any amount of manoeuvres between fractions of a single fleet. From a practical point of view such a friendly sparring bout and trial of naval skill would be invaluable. Its advantages from the humanitarian standpoint would be equally great, and amicable competition between the navies of the two countries could only strengthen the bond of friendship and mutual appreciation which already exists between the peoples and increases their respect for one another. After referring to the bond of common origin, the bond of common language, the bond of common aspiration and modes of thought between the American and the Englishman, the *Herald* concludes its article by saying that when two great nations engage in a friendly and bloodless war there is little or no danger that they will engage in what Rudyard Kipling has termed "the real thing."

On the Cincinnati and Richmond Railway they have a machine which lays the track at the rate of three and a half miles a day. Very few men are needed to work it, but its inventor spent ten years on it before it was perfect.

A home paper writing last month said:—If newspaper reports be any criterion, there is certainly more interest taken in the career of Mr. Warner's M.C.C. team in Australia than in the doings of any previous combination. It is amusing to note, by the way, that a growing tendency shows itself in some quarters, now that the team has given so good an account of itself to call it "England." As recently as 1893 only the full scores of the "test" matches were telegraphed from Australia, and even then a batsman was recorded as caught or bowled, and no indication was given by whom he was caught and bowled. Now every detail of the play is cabled with as much particularity as if the match had taken place at Lord's or the Oval.

## WHISTLER, THE MASTER.

There is an amusing description of the late J. M. Whistler as President of the Society of British Artists by Mr. Mortimer Menpes. How the British Artists ever came to elect him is a marvel; but when they had got him he kept them in a state of perpetual surprise and agitation. They wanted to talk to him, and he talked by the hour to them. This is what happened at the first exhibition:—He was late, and many were the nervous conjectures as to what he would be likely to say concerning such and such a picture, whether he might praise or condemn each man's special work. At last it was said that the master had arrived. There was intense excitement; we felt conscious and strained, yet tried to appear at our ease. The master at length entered, and, never noticing the assembled members, walked straight up to his own picture. And there he stayed for quite fifteen minutes, regarding it with a satisfied expression, stepping now backwards now forwards, casting his head and dusting the surface of the glass with a silk pocket-handkerchief. We watched him open-mouthed. Suddenly he turned round, beamed upon us, and uttered but two words—*Bravo, Jimmy!*—then took my arm and hurried me out of the gallery, talking volubly the while. His speech to the unhappy British Artists when they revolved at last was masterly. He looked himself to a pirate who had boarded "an old tub," taken it for a lively cruise, and made the passengers seasick. "You complain of my eccentricities. But mark you, dear people, you invited me into your midst as president because of those same so-called eccentricities. You selected me because I was much talked about, and because you imagined I would bring notoriety to your gallery. Did you imagine that when I entered your building I should leave my individuality on the doorstep? If so, you are much mistaken. I am still Whistler, the so-called eccentric, still the master."

## LION FIGHT IN THE SCOTTISH ZOO.

On the afternoon of the 2nd of last month the proprietors and officials of the Scottish Zoo in Glasgow City Road were quietly pursuing their several callings when a majestic forest-bred South African lion (*Cecil*) suddenly attacked a lioness which was in the same cage and, despite the efforts of a large band of attendants who hurried to the rescue, shook the life out of the valuable animal as a terrier would to a rat. The fight was a fierce one, and created something akin to a sensation among the officials. At the time of the occurrence the afternoon performance at the Hippodrome adjoining was proceeding, and there were comparatively few people about the Zoo. The first to be attracted to the cage was Mr. Bostock, the proprietor, who, while sitting in his office, heard a scuffle among the animals. As no cry followed, he instantly arose as to the sequel. On rushing out, his surmise proved correct, as the large lion, Cecil, had by then caught the lioness by the throat. Hastily summoning assistance, Mr. Bostock immediately procured the 4in fire hose, and turned the water with full force against the struggling lion; while the attendants, including Captain Rowley (the tamer), endeavoured to beat the animal off with sticks, forks, &c. Thoroughly roused, the lion gripped tightly however, and flew from side to side of the cage with its prey. The latter vainly endeavoured to plant her claws in her antagonist, but owing to the long thick mane and the dexterous manner in which the lion threw his head, the poor captive was scarcely able to draw breath. The fight continued with great ferocity for about ten minutes, when, evidently satisfied with the result of his work, the lion threw the limp, lifeless body of his partner up into the air, and it fell with a significant thud to the floor. Quivering in body and limb, the proud victor, with tail lashing the air, then stalked to the far corner of the cage and lay down. The body of the lioness was afterwards removed, the sliding division board having been carefully lowered between it and its erstwhile companion, Cecil, who committed the "tragedy," had an interesting career. Its parents were shot in South Africa, and when young he was captured near Bulawayo. Shortly afterwards he was presented to the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes, and was ultimately secured by the proprietors of the Scottish Zoo. He is now rising six years, and is considered the handsomest and best-made lion in captivity. Although forest-bred lions are generally supposed to be absolutely untameable, Cecil proved a striking exception. He proved an apt pupil, and is now one of the best performers in the Zoo. Regarded as an exceedingly quiet animal, he was a great favourite with trainers and attendants. For several years he had been with the firm's travelling menagerie, which winters in the Agricultural Hall, London, but was recently transferred to Sheffield. About a fortnight before, it was brought to Glasgow, and caged with a lioness for stock purposes. From the outset its behaviour was of the best, and on the day after its arrival Trainer "Cardona" entered the cage and rode round on its back. Its sudden attack upon the lioness was therefore totally unexpected, and general regret is expressed that a valuable lioness has been lost. Cecil was trained by, among others, Capt. Wombell. The lioness which was killed is valued at £150.

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斤牛	Ham Ngau Kin--Beef Lump,	11
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腳中	Ngau Kok—Bullock's Feet ...	each	8
腰牛	Ngau Lu—Bullock's Kidney ...	"	—
尾牛	Ngau Mei—Bullock's Tail .....	"	16
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腰豬	Chū Iu - Pig's Kidneys .....	pair	6
肝豬	Chū Kon - Pig's Liver .....	lb.	20
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鴨水	Shūn Au - Teal	.....	each 50
公鴨火	Foa Kai Kung - Turkeys, Cock	lb.	60
鴨火	Foa Kai Mo - Turkeys, Hen	.....	45
	First		
鴨	Kai Yā - Duck	.....	13

魚鰻	Kai Yu—Barron	16
魚鰻	Pin Yu—Bream	14
魚水浸	Tam Shou Yu—Canton Fresh-water Fish	16
魚鰻	Le Yu—Carp	11
魚赤	Chok Yu—Cat Fish	11
魚赤	Ma Yu—Codfish	14
蟹	Hai—Crabs	14
魚鰻	Mak Yu—Cuttle Fish	13

魚翅沙	Shā Máng Yü—Dab .....	14
沙尾黃	Wong Mui Lun—Dace .....	11
沙頭鯪	Ti Tê Shê—Dog Fish .....	9
鰻魚	Hoi Sin—Eels, Conger .....	15
鰻魚	Tung Sui Sin—Eels, Fresh water, .....	14
鰻魚	Wan Sin—Eels, Yellow .....	24
鰻魚	T'ün Kai—Frogs .....	28
鰻魚	Shüak P'ü—Grouper .....	60

魚姑白	Pak Kay Yu--Gudgeon .....	12
魚鯊白	T'ang Kwan Yu--Halibut ...	20
魚白帶	Ts'o Pak Yu--Herrings .....	18
魚花黃	Wong Fu Yu--Labrus .....	18
魚馬魚	Wu Yu--Loach Fish .....	24
魚蝦龍	Lung Hi--Lobsters .....	32
魚魚鱈	Shi Yu--Mackerel .....	20
魚鰻	Chi Yu--Mullet .....	18

魚芒	Mong Yü—Monk Fish .....	24
鱈生	Sing Hô—Oysters .....	16
魚公鰲	Kai Kung Yü—Parrot Fish ..	17
鰲頭	Tau Ló—Perch .....	13
魚子標	Hau Tsz Yü—Pike .....	11
雙破花	Fa Po Tün—Plaice .....	16
倉白	Pak Ch'ong—Pomfret, White ..	24
倉黑	Hak Ch'ong— " Black ..	20

蝦明	Ming Hui—Prawns .....	48
沙撈越	Pi Pa Sa—Bay .....	8
公狗石	Sik Kau Kung—Rock Fish ..	16
魚鱗	Ch'an Yü—Roach .....	11
魚鱗	Sa Yü—Shark .....	14
魚女馬	Ma Yau Yü—Salmon, Canton ..	28
魚生	Shiang Yü—Salmon, Fresh Water ..	11
魚生	Hü—Shrimps .....	24
魚生	Hü Yü—Shrimp .....	10

魚卵	Fo Yu—Eggs	20
魚立	Lo Yu—Snapper	20
魚沙撈越	Tat Sa Yu—Sokes	18
魚鯪	Wan Yu—Tench	14
魚口左	Tao Hau Yu—Tarbot	18
魚脚	Kuk Yu—Turtles, small, fresh-water	60
魚藥白	Pak Bit Yu—White Bait	—

仁杏	Hang Yan—Almonds .....	"	20
菓平山金	Kum Shan Ping Ko—Apples, California .....	"	20
菓平津天	Tin Tsau Pin Ko—Apples, Chefoo .....	lb.	—
象海	Hoi Tong—Apples, small, Chefoo .....	lb.	—
枝蘭	Fan Chi—Apples, Custard, Macca .....	each	—

菓平本日	Yat Pun Ping Ko-Apples,		
	Japanese .....	1b.	—
蕉香成省	Shang Sheng Heng Tsai—		
	Banannas, fragrant, Canton ..	4	—
蕉香山	Shang Heng Tsai-Banannas		
	brides, Macao .....	3	—
桃楊	Young T'á—Carambola .....	—	—
栗風	Fung Nut—Chestnuts, Chinese ..	10	—

子椰	Yó Tsze—Coconuts	.....each	10
檸檬	Pó Fái Tsze—Grapes	.....lb. 1st ql.	25
檸檬	Ning Mong—Lemons, Chinese	.....	8
	Kam Shang Lingnon—Lemons,		
	American	.....each	6
荔枝	Lai Chi—Lichees, Fresh	.....1st ql.	—
	"	.....2nd	—
	"	.....3rd	—
荔枝	Lai Chi—Lichees, Dried	.....lb.	15

荔枝	Lai Chi Hon—Litchies, dried	16
寧檬	Ning Mong—Limes, Saigon	16
芒末呂	Luising Mong—Mango, Manila each	16
芒南	On Nan Mong—Mango, Saigon	16
子竹山	Shan Chuk Tsz—Mangosteens doz.	16
	per 100	1st ql.
	Fhan Chuk Tsz—Mangosteens	16
	per 100	2nd
威那	Sai Kwei—Melons Water	16

咸白	Pak Lam—Olives .....	7
檳白	Ch'ang—Oranges, Canton, Sweet,,	4
檳	Chiu Chau Ch'ang—Oranges,	
酸洲	Swatow .....	—
酸洲	O Mun Ch'ang—Oranges, Macao ..	—
酸洲	Chu Sui Kat— " Small ..	15
酸洲	Tim Kat— " Mandarin ..	—
花生	Fa Shang—Peanuts .....	10

梨海	S'hai Sea Li—Pears, American gl.	—
鮮柿	Sin Tsi—Pears, Cooking, Canton „	—
梨沙	Sa Li—Pears, Shanghai „	20
柿紅	Hung T—Persimmons large lb.	—
	Hung Lei—Plums, Swatow „	—

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